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Case No. 33-858

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Buehler and Welch

Serial No.: 10/084,607

Attention: Manager,
Application Branch

Filed: February 27, 2002

For: CRASH CUSHION WITH
DEFLECTOR SKIN

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated March 21, 2002, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- Applicant is:
 - a small entity, verified statement is:

- attached
- already filed
- other than small entity
- Checks totaling \$1770.00 for:
 - Filing Fee of \$740.00.
 - Surcharge of \$130.00.
 - Additional Claim Fees of \$900.00.
- Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- Form PTO 1449.
- Copies of 19 cited references.
- Submission of Formal Drawings.
- Six (6) pages of Formal Drawings.
- Return Receipt Postcard.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6/21/02

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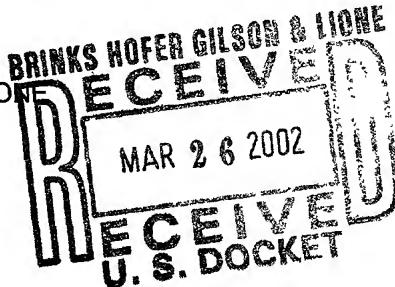


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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/084,607	02/27/2002	Michael J. Buehler	33-858

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$900.
 - \$648 for 36 total claims over 20.
 - \$252 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1770.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



PATENT
Case No. 33-858

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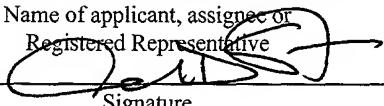
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In re Application of:)
Buehler and Welch)
Serial No: 10/084,607) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: February 27, 2002) Group Art No: 3673
For: CRASH CUSHION WITH)
DEFLECTOR SKIN)

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

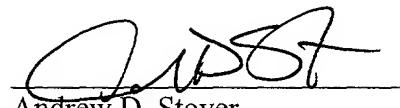
In response to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 21, 2002, Applicants submit herewith six (6) sheets of corrected, formal drawings.

Any questions concerning this communication should be directed to the
Applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5/21/02

By:



Andrew D. Stover
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RECORDED DOCUMENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Case No. 33-858
Serial No. 10/084,607	Filing Date MAY 28 2002 February 27, 2002	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 3673	
Inventor(s) Buehler and Welch				
Title of Invention CRASH CUSHION WITH DEFLECTOR SKIN				

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

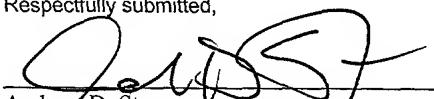
Transmitted herewith is Check for \$1770.00 for the filing fee, surcharge and fee for 36 additional claims; Transmittal (in duplicate); Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate); Declaration; Power of Attorney; Submission of Formal Drawings; six (6) formal drawing sheets; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 19 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a _month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate
Total	0	Minus	0	0	x \$9=	0	x \$18=	
Indep.	0	Minus	0	0	x 42=	0	x \$84=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$140=		+\$280=	
					Total add'l fee	\$0	Total add'l fee	\$

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$1770.00 to cover the filing fee, the surcharge, and fee for 36 additional claims is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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